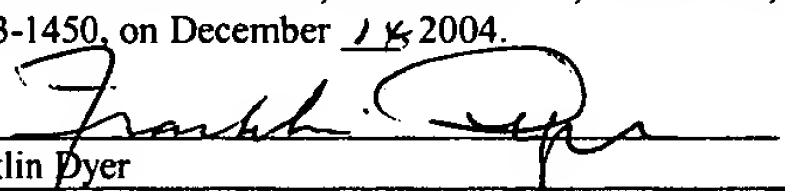


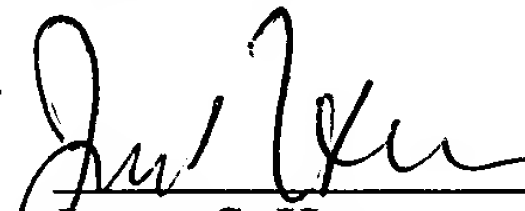
REMARKS:

Please amend the claims as indicated above prior to issuing the patent.

Claims 1-36 and 49-104 are presently pending in the application. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested and an early indication of the allowability of all the claims is earnestly solicited.

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